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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the following items, which are listed on the Substitute PTO-1449 form attached hereto as **(Exhibit A)**.

Copies of items 1-2 are attached hereto as **Exhibits 1 and 2**, respectively.

1. European Application Publication EP 1033405 A2, Alexandrov et al., published September 6, 2000 (**Exhibit 1**), and
2. Examiner's First Report issued on October 7, 2009, in connection with Australian Application No. 504881 (**Exhibit 2**).

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Item 1 was cited in Item 2, which is an Examination Report issued October 7, 2009 in connection with Australian Application No. 504881.

This Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. The Examiner is respectfully requested to make these references of record in the present application by initialing and returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO 1449 Substitute.

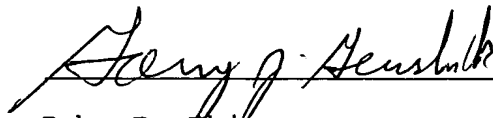
Applicants also submit herewith as **Exhibit B** a substitute copy of Form PTO-1449 Substitute submitted with applicants' November 13, 2007 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants note that Form PTO-1449 Substitute originally submitted with the November 13, 2007 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement contained incomplete information for some of the items cited therein. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider all of the documents listed on Exhibit B hereto, the necessary copies of the documents being previously submitted with the November 13, 2007 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants note that all necessary copies of documents were submitted with the November 13, 2007 Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and received by the United States Patent and Trademark Office and are not enclosed herewith.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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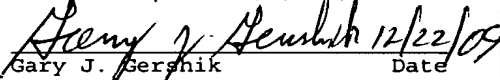
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# **EXHIBIT A**

## **Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement**

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